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1. Only half of the capacity of the Schwarza (M 51/H 92) Cellulose Plant is being utilized because of the extensive reconstruction and expansion work. This work is allegedly to be completed in the fall of 1950, and the plant will probably resume large-scale production at that time. No information is available on the nature of the production. \*
2. A new type of stocking is being developed by the plant. The stockings are worn by the employees to test them.
3. Source was evasive when questioned about the alleged return of six German technicians from the U.S.S.R. \*\*

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Comment. The plant is an enterprise of the VVB (Z) Artificial Fiber and has the plant No 63/277/1005. The plant was assigned to the Thuringian Cellulose Corporation until it was expropriated in 1946. The Soviets dismantled various installations in the factory, especially the largest turbine in the power station. A number of experts were deported to the U.S.S.R. All production plans were confiscated by the Soviets and forwarded to Moscow. The Soviet dismantlings and deportations ended in November 1947. The plant employs 2,600 men and women. The five most important departments of the plant are the cellulose department, the Perlon department, the sulphuric acid department, the carbon disulphide-formaldehyde department and the power station. There are also a number of auxiliary installations and repair shops. Dr. Winkler is the chemical manager of the plant. Employed in the plant are 77 experts, including 20 chemists, 23 engineers, 29 chemo-technicians and laboratory assistants, and 5 technical designers. The prewar production was 2,000 tons of cellulose-wool monthly, the wartime peak production 3,000 tons monthly. Production, as of the fall of 1950, is estimated at 1,000 to 1,600 tons monthly, and hence the plant has not yet reached prewar production figures. The plant is the only German factory in the Soviet Zone manufacturing Perlon silk. In the 1949 production plan the plant was scheduled to produce 160 tons of Perlon silk. The Fetoplenka SAG's Agfa plant in Wolfen (M 52/E 14) is the only other Soviet Zone plant producing Perlon silk and Perlon cord.

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\*\*       Comment. According to press reports six chemists and engineers of the plant deported in 1947 and retained in the U.S.S.R. for three years are said to have returned to Schwarza. They claimed to have built in the U.S.S.R. the world's most modern Perlon plant, which already had a daily Perlon production of 4 tons early in 1950.

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